

AMENDMENTS TO THE ABSTRACT:

Please replace the Abstract in its entirety with the following rewritten Abstract:

Abstract of the Disclosure

A modular spring support mounting (24) for a sash window spring counterbalance arrangement (16). The ~~modular spring support mounting (24) comprises~~ includes at least a first spring support mounting element (30b) and a second spring support mounting element (30a) each for supporting a respective coil spring (22). The first spring support mounting element (30b) includes a pair of wedged shaped cross section projections (34). The second spring support mounting element (30a) includes an interengagement fitting (36) which engages the pair of wedged shaped cross section projections (34) to in use securely interconnect the first and second spring support mounting elements (30b, 30a) together. Also a method of installing such a modular spring mounting includes the step of laterally slidingly engaging (24) in which the spring mounting elements (30b, 30a) are laterally slidingly engaged to securely interlock the elements (30b, 30a) together.